

Ezekiel 32:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

Analysis

There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes—Sheol's roll call continues: אֶדָם ('Edôm, Edom), Israel's perpetual enemy from Esau's line. **Which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised**—Despite בְּגִבּוּרָתָם (bigbûrâtâm, 'their might'), they're among חַלְלִי־חֶרֶב (ḥallê-ḥereb, 'slain of the sword').

And with them that go down to the pit—Edom, who gloated over Jerusalem's fall (Psalm 137:7, Obadiah 10-14), joins other judged nations in Sheol. Her violence against brother Jacob brought judgment (Obadiah 10). Edom's kings and princes, despite royal status, descend to the pit. No earthly title grants exemption from judgment; wickedness is judged regardless of rank (Romans 2:11).

Historical Context

Edom (southeast of Dead Sea) opposed Israel from the Exodus onward (Numbers 20:14-21). When Jerusalem fell (586 BC), Edom rejoiced and plundered (Obadiah 10-14, Lamentations 4:21-22). Babylon later conquered Edom (circa 553 BC); then Nabateans displaced them (circa 312 BC). By the 1st century AD, 'Edom' meant Idumea (small region). Edomite identity vanished—literally descended to the pit as prophesied.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does Edom's judgment teach about betraying covenant relationships?
2. How does rejoicing over others' judgment invite judgment on ourselves?
3. What does the inclusion of 'kings and princes' in Sheol teach about rank in God's eyes?

Interlinear Text

גַּתְּנֵן וְאֶשְׁר נְשִׁיאָה יְהוָה אֶלְכָל מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה אֶת־עַמּוֹ שְׁמָה H8033 There is Edom H122 her kings H3605 and all her princes H834 are laid H4428 H5297 H5414

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which with their might by them that were slain by the sword H1260 H2401 H2732

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